

A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

Approving the Submission of an Application to the State of Maryland for the Redesignation of Baltimore City's Modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas

For the purpose of approving the submission of an application to the State of Maryland to redesignate Baltimore City's modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and its Focus Areas.

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Whereas, The General Assembly of the State of Maryland established an Enterprise Zone Program to focus State and local resources on the encouragement of economic growth in economically distressed areas and employment opportunities for the unemployed.

Whereas, the current Consolidate Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas expire in June 2022 and it is now time for the redesignation of Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.

Whereas, the City of Baltimore and representatives of the Baltimore Development Corporation ("BDC") have been working towards this end.

Whereas, the City of Baltimore, through the BDC used data from the 2019 American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau to determine the census tracts that met the eligibility criteria for the Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas.

Whereas, certain census tracts that had previously been included in Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone no longer qualify under the criteria set forth by the State of Maryland and have been removed from the modified Consolidated Enterprise Zoned.

Whereas, the Baltimore City Council recognizes that there is a significant need to stimulate the creation of jobs by including the Downtown, Port Covington, Highlandtown, Greektown, Edmondson Square, Reisterstown Road, Falls Road, Greenmount Avenue, York Road Corridor, Harford Corridor, Belair Road, Fayette Street, North Washington Street, Sinclair Lane, and Frankford Avenue in Baltimore City's Consolidated Enterprise Zone.

Whereas, The City of Baltimore, through the BDC, has prepared an application for the redesignation of the modified Baltimore City Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas to reflect the removal and inclusion of certain census tracts.

Whereas, The regulations of the Enterprise Zone Program require the written expression of the sentiment of the Baltimore City Council.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council of Baltimore:

1. Endorses the April 2022 application of the City for the redesignation of the modified Consolidated Enterprise Zone and Focus Areas; and
2. Resolves that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the President of the Baltimore City Council, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, State of Maryland, the President of the Baltimore Development Corporation, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.